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Security Council

9:30 — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

1701 report (S/2017/201 and S/2017/202)

Other matters

15:00 — 7902nd meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Afghanistan

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (S/2017/189)

General Assembly

Seventy-first session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10:00 to 13:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017:

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Proposed United Nations Secretariat contribution to the United Nations Development Group cost-sharing arrangement for the resident coordinator system (A/70/703 and A/70/7/Add.48)

Review of the experience of the utilization of the contingency fund (A/70/395 and A/70/7/Add.7))

15:00 to 18:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 133 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Sixth progress report on the accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat (A/71/729, A/71/820, A/71/731 and A/71/731/Add.1))

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

11:00 to 13:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold an interactive conversation about the latest political developments and the current situation in the State of Palestine, with Dr. Hanan Ashrawi, on the margins of the sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

It is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions, United Nations system entities, United Nations Secretariat and accredited civil society organizations, as well as to the media. To register, please *click here*.

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2017 substantive session

Working Group of the Whole

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole [item 7]

Plenary

15:00 to 18:00 253rd meeting Conference Room 1

Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole (A/AC.121/2017/L.3) [item 7]

Adoption of the report to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session [item 8]

Other matters [item 9]

[*PaperSmart* will be offered as an additional service for the 2017 substantive session of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations. The official documentation of the Special Committee will be available electronically via the PaperSmart portal by *clicking here* in all official languages.

Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretariat via the e-deleGATE electronic portal (https://delegate.un.int).

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers by *clicking here*. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org).]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10

1. United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
2. Executive meeting

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Forty-third session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Security Council

Military Staff Committee

11:00 to 13:00	1873rd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

1. Military Staff Committee Travel/Military Staff Committee Business
2. Partnership with the European Union Military Staff

Implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015)

15:30	Informal meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

Economic and Social Council

2017 session

Briefing

15:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Bureau of the Economic and Social Council will hold a briefing on the programme of work of the Council for the period April to July 2017.

The President (Zimbabwe) will brief the Council on the preparations for the upcoming coordination and management meeting (19-20 April 2017), to be chaired by the Vice-President (Czech Republic). The Vice-President (Pakistan) will brief the Council on the preparations for the integration segment (8-10 May 2017) and the Vice-President (Germany) will brief the Council on the preparations for the humanitarian affairs segment (21-23 June 2017).

The President (Zimbabwe) will also brief the Council on the preparations relating to the partnership forum (5 April 2017), the special meeting on international cooperation in tax matters (7 April 2017), the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (15-16 May 2017), the Economic

and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up (22-25 May 2017), the special meeting on "Innovations for infrastructure development and promoting sustainable industrialization" (31 May 2017), the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council (10-14 July 2017); and the high-level segment, including the three-day ministerial meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development (17-20 July 2017).

All are invited to attend. Additional information, including available documentation, relating to the meetings of the Council is available on the website of the Council (please *click here*).

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixty-first session

10:00 to 13:00 — 8th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: Review theme: challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls (E/CN.6/2017/4) [item 3 (a) (ii)]

National voluntary presentations, followed by interactive dialogues

15:00 to 18:00 — 9th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: Priority theme: women's empowerment in the changing world of work (E/CN.6/2017/3) [item 3 (a) (i)]

Interactive expert panel discussion on "The global care economy in the context of the changing world of work"

10:00 to 13:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 2

On the draft agreed conclusions entitled "Women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work", convened by the Vice-Chair, Ms. Fatmaalzahraa Hassan Abdelaziz Abdelkawy (Egypt)

15:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 2

On the draft agreed conclusions entitled "Women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work", convened by the Vice-Chair, Ms. Fatmaalzahraa Hassan Abdelaziz Abdelkawy (Egypt)

[Additional information on the work of the Commission can be found on the Commission website (please *click here*).

The *list of side events* on the occasion of the sixty-first session of the Commission is available by *clicking here*.

PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service during the sixty-first session of the Commission. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal (please *click here*) should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to e-mail papersmart3@un.org.

The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Commission's PaperSmart portal.

Information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council* in the work of the Commission is available by *clicking here*. As requested in relevant resolutions, the *reports by the relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council* are brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women at its sixty-first session and can be addressed by *clicking here*.]

United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination

High-level Committee on Programmes
Thirty-third session

09:30 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

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Group of Least Developed Countries (on oceans and the law of the sea) (at the expert level)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (on oceans)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

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Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

For the complete list of press conferences, please click on the link *www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp*.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventy-first session

Tuesday, 21 March 2017

10:00 — 72nd plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: commemorative meeting on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination [item 66]

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 15 March 2017, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

[The General Assembly will also pay tribute to the memory of His Excellency Vitaly Churkin, late Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations.]

Monday, 20, and Tuesday, 21 March 2017

10:00 — Conference Room 2

15:00 — Conference Room 2

Wednesday, 22 March 2017

15:00 — Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on the zero draft of the "Call for Action" to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 10 March 2017, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

Wednesday, 22 March 2017

10:00 — Trusteeship Council Chamber

15:00 — Trusteeship Council Chamber

The President of the General Assembly will convene a working-level dialogue to discuss improving the integration and coordination of the work of the United Nations on the water-related goals and targets under its sustainable development pillar, with a particular emphasis on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. For more information, please *click here*.

[Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 7 February 2017 and 10 March 2017, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

High-level meeting entitled "Climate Change and the Sustainable Development Agenda"

Thursday, 23 March 2017

09:30 to 10:00	Opening segment	Trusteeship Council Chamber
10:00 to 11:15	Panel discussion: Stocktaking on climate – Ambition and action	Trusteeship Council Chamber
11:15 to 12:30	Plenary debate: Stocktaking on climate – Ambition and action	Trusteeship Council Chamber
15:00 to 17:30	Plenary debate: Stocktaking on climate – Ambition and action *(continued)*	Trusteeship Council Chamber
15:00 to 17:30	Sessions *(in parallel)*	
	1. Implementing solutions: Scaling up implementation of the Paris Agreements and the Sustainable Development Goals	Conference Room 7
	2. 2020 as opportunity: Achieving 2020 targets of the Sustainable Development Goals and nationally determined contribution (NDC) ambitions	Conference Room 8
17:30 to 17:45	Wrap-up: The Way Forward	Trusteeship Council Chamber
17:45 to 18:00	Closing of the high-level meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

[For more information on the event, please *click here*. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 8 February 2017 and 14 February 2017, were sent to all permanent representatives. Member States, intergovernmental organizations and entities that have observer status with the General Assembly, and United Nations system entities, wishing to speak are kindly requested to inscribe with the List of Speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Mr. Carlos Galindo (e-mail galindo@un.org; with copy to e-mail gaspeakerslist@un.org)). Statements in the plenary debate should not exceed *five minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group and *three minutes* when speaking in a national capacity. For PaperSmart Services, delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.]

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

Monday, 20 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

International Civil Service Commission
Eighty-fourth session
20 to 31 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1

United Nations conference to negotiate a legally-binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination

Wednesday, 22 March 2017

Informal consultations

10:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations convened by the President of the United Nations conference to negotiate a legally-binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination

27 to 31 March and 15 June to 7 July 2017

The United Nations conference to negotiate a legally-binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination is convened pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/258 of 23 December 2016.

The agenda of the Conference and the timetable of meetings of the March session of the Conference are contained in documents A/CONF.229/2017/2 and A/CONF.229/2017/3, respectively.

A note by the Secretariat containing information for participants has been issued as document A/CONF.229/2017/INF/1 and A/CONF.229/2017/INF/1/Corr.1.

Delegations wishing to participate in the *general exchange of views*, including the *high-level segment*, are requested to inscribe with the United Nations Secretariat, *in writing*, by e-mail (nuclear.conference@un.org), indicating the name and title of the speaker, as well as the topic they wish to speak on. The *list of speakers* will be established on a first-come first-served basis, with the customary protocol that ensures that ministers and senior officials speak first, followed by other heads of delegation.

Delegations participating in the *general exchange of views* during the March session of the Conference are encouraged to limit their statements to *ten minutes*.

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the Conference. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement *at least one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. Statements will be made available on the PaperSmart portal of the Conference only after delivery by delegations. Also a minimum of *30 copies* of the text of statements to be delivered at the Conference should be submitted in advance to the Secretariat.

The *credentials* of representatives and the names of members of a delegation should be addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and delivered to the Office of

Legal Affairs, located on the 36th floor of the Secretariat Building (Room S-3604, S-3633 or S-3639), if possible *not less than one week before Monday, 27 March 2017*. The credentials should be issued either by the Head of the State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Copies of the credentials should also be transmitted to the Protocol and Liaison Service (e-mail unprotocol@un.org; Room S-0201; fax 1 (212) 963-1921).

Permanent representatives and observers are kindly requested to submit a *comprehensive list of the members of their delegation* to the Conference, including the functional titles and affiliations of each member, to the Secretariat of the Conference (e-mail nuclear.conference@un.org; Room S-3058) *no later than Friday, 31 March 2017*. A final comprehensive list of delegations to the Conference will be issued in August 2017.

The *participation of non-governmental organizations* in the Conference shall be governed by the decision adopted by the conference at its organizational session on 16 February 2017 (A/CONF.229/2017/4). A note by the Secretariat containing information for civil society representatives has been issued as document A/CONF.229/2017/INF/2.

It is strongly recommended that documents submitted by States, intergovernmental organizations and other entities *should not exceed five pages* (2,650 words) to reduce costs, facilitate translation and ensure timely issuance. States, intergovernmental organizations and other entities are requested to submit documents in Microsoft Word format to the Conference Secretariat (e-mail nuclear.conference@un.org). In light of the short timeframe in which the Conference will conduct its work, advance and unedited submissions may be posted in their original language on the Conference website maintained by the Office for Disarmament Affairs upon request, pending their issuance in six languages.

Limited space for lunchtime *side events* is available in the main conference room assigned to the Conference. Delegations wishing to hold a lunchtime side event in Conference Room 4 (27 to 31 March) or Conference Room 1 (15 June to 7 July) are invited to contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378), with a copy of the request to nuclear.conference@un.org. The available space will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Additional information on the Conference is also available on the Conference website.

Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292: Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction

Third session

27 March to 7 April 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 2

The provisional agenda and the provisional programme of work of the meeting are contained in documents A/AC.287/2017/PC.3/L.1 and A/AC.287/2017/PC.3/L.2.

The above documents, as well as other relevant information on the Preparatory Committee, are available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (*click here*).

States representing Groups of States wishing to be inscribed on the *list of speakers* are invited to contact Ms. Charlotte Salpin, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail salpin@un.org).

PaperSmart arrangements will be available for the duration of the third session of the Preparatory Committee. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart8@un.org. The entity name, date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the PaperSmart portal after their delivery by delegations. PDF format is preferred. To access the PaperSmart of the Preparatory Committee, please *click here*.

Delegations are kindly requested to provide *20 hardcopies* of the text for the technical services no later than *one hour before* delivery of the statement.

The list of side events scheduled to be held during the session can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Disarmament Commission
2017 substantive session
3 to 21 April 2017

Monday, 3 April 2017

10:00 Opening meeting Conference Room 3

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate are invited to kindly submit, *in writing*, the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The Secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations would communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, via note verbale (e-mail vrastiak@un.org), *as soon as possible*, the name(s) of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-seventh session
5 to 23 June 2017

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks* before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 19 May 2017*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (304 East 45th Street, Room FF-700; tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; fax 1 (212) 963-1943; or by e-mail to contributions@un.org).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council

2017 session

Partnership Forum

Wednesday, 5 April 2017

Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold its 2017 Partnership Forum on the theme "Partnerships for promoting opportunities, increased prosperity and sustainable development for all".

The forum will be interactive in nature and there will be no pre-determined list of speakers. Delegations are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *three minutes* (*five minutes* for group statements).

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail leonc@un.org), with copy to yogasundram@un.org, *as early as possible*.

Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Council of their prospective participation in the forum *no later than 12:00*, on Tuesday, 4 April 2017, to be pre-assigned a seat in the meeting room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additional information on the Partnership Forum, including the concept note and draft programme, is available from the website of the Economic and Social Council (please *click here*). For further details, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Mr. Ajit Yogasundram (e-mail yogasundram@un.org; or tel. 1 (917) 367-5027)).

Special meeting on international cooperation in tax matters

Friday, 7 April 2017

10:00

Economic and Social Council Chamber

The special meeting will be held pursuant to Council resolution 2017/2 and decision 2017/209. The special meeting will hold interactive discussions and a general discussion.

The interactive discussions will have a free-flowing format, with interventions limited to *three minutes*. There will be no list of speakers during the interactive discussions.

Requests for inscription to the *general discussion* to be held from 17:15 to 17:50 should be communicated to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org), with copy to Ms. Isabel Tañedo (e-mail tanedo@un.org)). Statements shall not exceed *three minutes* for individual delegations, and *five minutes* for groups.

PaperSmart services will be available to delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically. Please send a copy of the statement at *least one hour in advance* of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date and subject of the meeting should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Economic and Social Council PaperSmart portal (*click here*) after delivery by delegations.

Delegations are requested to submit, *in writing*, as soon as possible, the names of the representatives attending the meeting to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Mr. Jose Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are advised that only one list of participants will be issued at the conclusion of the 2017 session of the Council.

For further information on the special meeting, including the concept note and tentative programme, please *click* here, or contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail halka@un.org; Room DC2-2186).

Coordination and management meeting
19 to 21 April 2017

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies at the coordination and management meeting. The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

Delegations and Chairs of the regional groups wishing to nominate candidates are kindly requested to send their correspondence *no later than Thursday, 30 March 2017*, to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (Attn: Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org), with copy to Ms. Mary Constable (e-mails constablem@un.org and ecosocelections@un.org)); by mail to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch (Room S-1275); or by fax 1 (212) 963-5935.

Special meeting on innovations for infrastructure development and promoting sustainable industrialization
Wednesday, 31 May 2017

The Economic and Social Council will hold a special meeting to highlight the relevance of industry, innovation and infrastructure (Goal 9) for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The special meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council (Zimbabwe) and will comprise interactive panel discussions. There will be no pre-determined list of speakers, with interventions limited to *three minutes*.

Delegations are requested to submit, *in writing, no later than noon on Tuesday, 30 May 2017*, the names of the representatives attending the meeting to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Mr. Jose Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are advised that only one list of participants will be issued at the conclusion of the 2017 session of the Council.

In advance of the special meeting, two preparatory events will be organized away from Headquarters: (a) Preparatory regional meeting on infrastructure and industrialization in developing countries, to be held in Dakar, Senegal (26 March 2017); and (b) Preparatory meeting on agriculture and agro-industries development toward sustainable and resilient food systems, to be held in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (24-26 April 2017). The meetings are open to all Member States.

For more information on the special meeting and its preparatory events, please contact Mr. Gregory Barrett, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail barrettg@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4723). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Committee for Development Policy
Nineteenth session

20 to 24 March 2017 Closed meeting Conference Room 6

For the agenda and other related documents of the nineteenth session of the Committee for Development Policy, please *click here*. For further information, please contact Ms. Teresa Lenzi, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail lenzi@un.org).

United Nations Forum on Forests

Tuesday, 21 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

Special event in celebration of the International Day of Forests

The theme of the 2017 celebration is "Forests and energy", to increase awareness of forest-energy interconnections and strengthen engagement between forest and energy practitioners and policymakers. The theme is of particular relevance to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and Goals 15 and 7, in particular.

The event will be comprised of an opening session followed by a *panel discussion* on "Growing forests harness energy for the future" and a *general discussion* on the theme "Forests and energy are essential for the 2030 Agenda".

The *list of speakers* for the general discussion is *now open*. For inscription to this list, kindly submit, *in writing*, the full name and title of the speaker, to the Deputy Secretary of the United Nations Forum on Forests, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

The deadline to inscribe on the list is *17:00, on Monday, 20 March 2017*. The time limit set for statements during the general discussion is *three minutes*. Please note that interpretation might not be available for this informal event.

For further information, please contact Ms. Mita Sen, United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (e-mail sen@un.org, with copy to forests@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5069); or visit the website of the Forum Secretariat.

Commission on Population and Development
Fiftieth session

Monday, 3, to Friday, 7 April 2017 Conference Room 4

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2017/1 and E/CN.9/2017/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

For *participation and seating arrangements*, members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Christa Giles (e-mail giles@un.org; Room S-3066; with copy to leu@un.org).

Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their participation will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4, on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The *lists of speakers* for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Tomas Casas (e-mail casast@un.org)). In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 3 (General debate on: (a) Actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development at the global, regional and national levels; and (b) Special theme of the fiftieth session of the Commission based on the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the key actions to accelerate its further implementation), will be held from Monday, 3 April 2017 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2017/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

For *statements and PaperSmart arrangements*, delegates are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for the fiftieth session of the Commission.

The official documentation and statements for the meetings will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all available official languages (*click here*).

Delegates are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart1@un.org *at least one hour* in advance of their designated speaking slot and to bring 30 copies of their statements for technical services.

The date and time of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which they will be available to the public on the portal.

For information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations* in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Information on *side events*, or activities organized outside the formal programme of the session of the Commission, can be accessed by *clicking here*.

For the *election of the Bureau of the fifty-first session*, the Commission will hold the first meeting of its fifty-first session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its fiftieth session.

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
Sixteenth session

24 April to 5 May 2017 Conference Room 4

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/C.19/2017/1 and the proposed organization of work is contained in document E/C.19/2017/L.1.

Member States, intergovernmental organizations and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to send observers to the session are requested to communicate the composition of their delegations, *in advance of the session*, to the Secretary of the Forum (c/o Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; Room S-3066). Kindly be reminded that the observers who have not indicated their participation by the established deadline will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For background and other related documents of the sixteenth session of the Forum, please *click here*.

The sixteenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will be served in a *PaperSmart manner*. The official documentation of the Forum will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all available official languages.

There will be no circulation of hard copies of documents. However, a print-on-demand service will be available, via which delegates can request for a hard copy at the PaperSmart Desk in the conference room, or by the print-on-demand option on the PaperSmart Portal. Delegates will be able to e-mail any document or statement to themselves from the Portal. No log in will be required to access the Portal. Delegations and participants are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meetings in order to access information and documents electronically.

The *list of speakers* will open on Monday, 3 April 2017. Member States and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for a particular item should contact the Secretariat (Mr. Gerard Cianciulli (e-mail cianciulli@un.org)).

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Briefing

Friday, 24 March 2017

10:00 Conference Room S-2723

On the Strategic Plan 2018-2021 of UNOPS

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Dragan Micic (e-mail draganmi@unops.org) or Ms. Elle Wang (e-mail ellew@unops.org).

Forthcoming other meetings

The information below is reproduced as received and does not imply any opinion or endorsement by the Secretariat of the United Nations. The meetings under this header are open unless otherwise indicated.

Workshop on "Introductory Seminar on Human Rights and Sustainable Development Goals" (organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and research (UNITAR) New York Office)

Monday, 20 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room S-0310

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room S-0310

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Pelayo Álvarez, UNITAR New York Office (e-mail pelayo.alvarez@unitar.org or nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Happiness (General Assembly resolution 66/281)

Monday, 20 March 2017

Interactive discussion on "Public Policies for Happiness" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia, Bhutan, Denmark, Ecuador, Rwanda, Slovenia, Thailand and the United Arab Emirates, in collaboration with the Department for Public Information (DPI) and the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UN-SDSN))

10:30 to 12:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

Launch of the Global Happiness Council (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates and the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UN-SDSN))

12:00 to 12:30 Economic and Social Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Hana Alhashimi, Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates (e-mail hana.alhashimi@mofaic.gov.ae; tel. 1 (212) 371-0480) or Mr. Felipe Queipo, DPI (e-mail queipo@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7232).

Interactive discussion on "Multilingualism, a Core Value of the United Nations, a Requirement for Efficiency" (on the occasion of the International Day of La Francophonie and the French Language Day at the United Nations) (organized by the International Organization of La Francophonie (IOF), in collaboration with the United Nations Secretariat-wide Coordinator for Multilingualism)

Monday, 20 March 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Economic and Social Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Dimitra Kritikou, IOF (e-mail dimitra.kritikou@francophonie.org or reper.new-york@francophonie.org; tel. 1 (212) 867-6771); or *click here*.

African Group (Sixth Committee experts)

Monday, 20 March 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Round-table discussion on "Preventive Diplomacy: A Soft Power Tool" (organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilization (UNAOC))

Monday, 20 March 2017

15:00 to 16:30 Conference Room 9

All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Mehrangez Rafieva, UNAOC (e-mail mehrangezr@unops.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6217).

Briefing on "The Theme of the Secretary-General's 2017 Report on the Responsibility to Protect" (by the Special Adviser on the Responsibility to Protect) (organized by the Office on Genocide Prevention and Responsibility to Protect)

Tuesday, 21 March 2017

10:00 to 11:30 Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Mario Buil-Merce, Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect (e-mail buil-merce@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5001).

Special event on the theme "#MyVoiceMyCommunity – Enabling people with Down Syndrome to speak up, be heard and influence government policy and action, to be fully included in the community" (on the occasion of World Down Syndrome Day (General Assembly resolution 66/149)) (organized by Down Syndrome International (DSi), in collaboration with the Permanent Missions of Australia, Brazil, Canada, India, Israel, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Poland and the United Kingdom, the United Nation Children's Fund (UNICEF), the International Disability Alliance and Inclusion International)

Tuesday, 21 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

15:00 to 18:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Fred Doulton, DESA (e-mail doultonf@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4466); or *click here*.

Panel discussion on "Developing Productive Capacity: Lessons Learned from Least Developed Countries (LDCs)" (organized by the Committee for Development Policy, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Tuesday, 21 March 2017

13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room 6

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Matthias Bruckner, DESA (e-mail brucknerm@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2137); or *click here*.

International Criminal Court: Assembly of States Parties (facilitation on the activation of the Courts jurisdiction over the crime of aggression)

Wednesday, 22 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Special event on "Priority Actions for Water and Disasters in the Next Decade" (on the occasion of the World Water Day) (General Assembly resolution 47/193) (co-organized by the High-level Experts and Leaders Panel on Water and Disasters (HELP), the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Disaster Risk Reduction and Water and UN-Water; and the Permanent Missions of Japan, Mauritius, Mexico, the Republic of Korea, Switzerland and Tajikistan)

Wednesday, 22 March 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Masahiko Murase, DESA (e-mail murase@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4907); to register, please *click here*.

Workshop entitled "Conflict Resolution as a Tool for Innovation" (organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) New York Office, in collaboration with the Columbia Law School, Columbia University)

Friday, 24 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room E

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room E

All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Mr. Pelayo Álvarez, UNITAR New York Office (e-mail pelayo.alvarez@unitar.org or nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Briefing on "2017 Global Infrastructure Forum" (co-organized by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the European Investment Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank)

Thursday, 30 March 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Trusteeship Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact DESA (Mr. Arend Janssen (e-mail janssena@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5620); or Ms. Jie Wei (e-mail weij@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5105)); or *click here*.

Non-Aligned Movement (monthly meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

Thursday, 30 March 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Announcements

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of United Nations human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2017, as follows:

Fourth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (20 June 2017), to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearance (*click here* for general information);

Twenty-seventh Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (22 June 2017), to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (*click here* for general information); and

Eighth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (28 June 2017), to elect seven members of the Committee on Migrant Workers (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for all of the above mentioned meetings, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, should be submitted to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (Attn: Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; Room S-1309). For any clarifications on these elections, consult OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. Nenad Vasić, OHCHR (e-mail vasic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5998).

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (unless otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *March 2017*:

Introduction to legal resources

Introduction to United Nations documents

Finding speeches (French)

Voting information (French)

Introduction to library services

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*). For further information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website (*click here*).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* provides comprehensive coverage of the Security Council's interpretation and application of the United Nations Charter and its own Provisional Rules of Procedure. It is prepared by the Security Council Affairs Division in the Department of Political Affairs.

The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law and international relations, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations in following the evolving practice of the Council and gaining a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The *Repertoire* is available in the six official languages of the United Nations.

The latest printed volume (Seventeenth Supplement), covering the years 2010 to 2011, is now available. For copies of this volume and all previous Supplements, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288).

The Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) and Parts I, V and X of the Nineteenth Supplement (2014-2015) are available in their advance versions on the *Repertoire section* of the website of the Security Council.

Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises

The report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been issued in document A/70/723, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's report, contained in document A/70/824.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 15 March 2017

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixty-first session

[archived video]

5th meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives

(i) Priority theme: women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work

(ii) Review theme: challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls

(b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men: empowerment of indigenous women

(c) Gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters

General discussion

The Commission continued its general discussion of agenda item 3 as a whole.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Lesotho, Nigeria, Uruguay, Germany, Norway, Pakistan and Brazil.

Statements were also made by the observers for Haiti, Estonia, Austria, Ukraine, Honduras, Lithuania, France, Poland, the Netherlands, Greece, Timor-Leste, Italy, New Zealand, the Philippines, Portugal, Argentina, Chad and Chile.

The Chair of the Commission (Brazil) made a statement and suspended the meeting.

The meeting was resumed.

Statements were made by the representatives of Burkina Faso, Egypt, the United Republic of Tanzania, Eritrea, Kuwait, Mongolia and Trinidad and Tobago.

Statements were also made by the observers for the Gambia, Ireland, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mexico, Uzbekistan, Panama, the Republic of Moldova, Georgia, Hungary, Andorra, Benin, Swaziland and Grenada.

Right of reply

A statement in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the observer for the Netherlands.

Organization of work

The Chair of the Commission (Brazil) made a statement.

5th meeting (parallel)

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives

Interactive dialogue on "Accelerating implementation of commitments to gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls"

The Vice-Chair (Germany) opened the meeting and made a statement.

Statements were made by the following invited speakers: Ms. Dalia Leinarte, Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women; Ms. Jesse Kabwilla, Women's Parliamentary Caucus (Malawi); Ms. Annette Young, Journalist and Presenter at France 24 and Host of "51 Percent" of France 24; Ms. Florence Simbiri Jaoko, Special Envoy of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions; Ms. Sima Samar, Chairperson of the National Human Rights Institution of Afghanistan; Her Excellency Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani (Qatar), Chair of the Commission on Population and Development; His Excellency Téte António, Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations; Ms. Michaela S. Bergman, Chief Counsellor for Social Issues and Director of Gender Team, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; Ms. Martha Ordoñez, High Counselor for Gender Equality, Colombia (on behalf of Ms. Margarita Cabello Blanco, President of the National Gender Commission of the Judicial Branch (Colombia); Ms. Dubravka Šimonović, Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences; Ms. Frances Raday, member of the Working Group on Discrimination against Women in Law and in Practice; Ms. Noelene Nabulivou, representative of Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era; Ms. Susan O'Malley, Chair of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women; and Ms. Shamika Sirimanne, Director of the Division on Technology and Logistics, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which the representatives of Brazil and Uganda, as well as the observers for Argentina, Afghanistan, Slovenia, China and the Niger, participated.

The Vice-Chair (Germany) made a statement and suspended the meeting.

The meeting was resumed.

The interactive discussion continued, during which the representatives of Switzerland, Germany, Qatar and Colombia, as well as the observers for Iraq, South Africa, Mali and the Philippines, participated.

The Vice-Chair (Germany) summarized the highlights of the discussions.

Organization of work

The Vice-Chair (Germany) made a statement.

The representative of UN-Women also made a statement.

Thursday, 16 March 2017

Security Council

7899th meeting (closed) *Meeting of the Security Council with the troop- and police-contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B*

United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 16 March 2017, the Security Council, pursuant to annex II, sections A and B of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 7899th meeting in private with the troop- and police-contributing countries to the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

"The President invited Ms. Nannette Ahmed, Director of Africa II Division, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"The Security Council and the troop- and police-contributing countries heard a briefing by Ms. Ahmed.

"Members of the Council, Ms. Ahmed and representatives of participating contributing countries had an exchange of views."

[archived video]

7900th meeting *Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction*

Briefing by the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by His Excellency Sacha Sergio Llorentty Soliz, Permanent Representative of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, in his capacity as Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004).

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, China, the Russian Federation, Italy, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Uruguay, Senegal, Kazakhstan, Egypt, France, the United States and Sweden; and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the United Kingdom.

7901st meeting *The situation in the Central African Republic*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited His Excellency Faustin Archange Touadera, President of the Central African Republic, to participate in the meeting, in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited the following briefers to participate in the meeting, in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure: Mr. Hervé Ladsous, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations; and His Excellency Omar Hilale, Permanent Representative of Morocco, in his capacity as Chair of the Central African Republic configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Mr. Ladsous and by His Excellency Omar Hilale.

The Council heard a statement by the President of the Central African Republic.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, Egypt, the United States, China, the Russian Federation, Japan, Ethiopia, Uruguay, Italy, Ukraine, Senegal, Kazakhstan, Sweden and the Plurinational State of Bolivia; and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the United Kingdom.

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
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6th meeting

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(c) Gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters

General discussion

The Commission continued its general discussion of agenda item 3 as a whole.

Statements were made by the representatives of Colombia (on behalf of the Group of Friends for Gender Parity comprising: Albania, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belize, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cabo Verde, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kyrgystan, Latvia, Lebanon, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malawi, Malta, Monaco, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland , Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen and Zambia), Kazakhstan, Albania, El Salvador, Qatar, Colombia, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Tajikistan and the Republic of Korea.

Statements were also made by the observers for the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Latvia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the United States, Togo, South Sudan, Senegal, Turkmenistan, Seychelles, Slovakia, the Marshall Islands, Iraq, Algeria, Lebanon, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Cuba, Viet Nam, Djibouti, Myanmar, Tonga, Samoa, Kyrgyzstan, the Solomon Islands, Burundi, Sweden, Azerbaijan and Suriname, as well as by the observer of the Holy See.

Organization of work

The Vice-Chair of the Commission (Egypt) made a statement.

6th meeting (parallel)

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

(b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men: empowerment of indigenous women

Interactive dialogue on the focus area, "Empowerment of indigenous women"

The Chair of the Commission (Brazil) opened the meeting and made a statement.

Statements were then made by the following invited speakers: Ms. Aysa Mukabenova, Member (and Chair-designate for March 2017) of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (Russian Federation); Ms. Mariann Wollmann Magga, member of the Executive Council, Sami Parliament (Norway); Ms. Otilia Lux de Coti, Political and Social leader (Guatemala); Mr. Esteban Caballero, Regional Director for the Americas, United Nations Population Fund; Ms. Agnes Leina, Executive Director and founder, Il'laramatak Community Concerns (Kenya); Ms. Pratima Gurung, Indigenous Peoples with Disabilities Global Network (Nepal); Ms. Khalida Bouzar, Director of the Near East, North Africa and Europe Division, International Fund for Agricultural Development; Ms. Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Philippines); and Ms. Tarcila Rivera Zea, Executive Director, International Indigenous Women's Forum (Peru).

Interactive discussions ensued, during which the representatives of Uganda, Guatemala, Brazil and the Congo participated.

The observers for Finland, Australia, New Zealand, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Peru, South Africa, Argentina, Mexico, New Zealand and the Philippines also participated.

The observer of the European Union, as well as the representatives of the International Labour Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), also participated in the interactive discussion.

Representatives of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council also participated in the discussion: Madre, Inc; Centro de Culturas Indígenas del Perú; Asociación Civil Hecho por Nosotros, Native Women Association of Canada and Pacific Disability Forum.

The Chair (Brazil) summarized the highlights of the dialogue.

Organization of work

The Chair of the Commission (Brazil) made a statement.

7th meeting

The summary of the 7th meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2017/54).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 18 December 1979

Territorial application in respect of Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (16 March 2017)

Territorial application in respect of Bermuda: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (16 March 2017)

Amendment to article 20, paragraph 1 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 22 December 1995

Territorial application in respect of Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (16 March 2017)

Territorial application in respect of Bermuda: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (16 March 2017)

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984

Objection to the reservation made by Fiji upon ratification: Austria (16 March 2017)

Objection to the reservation made by Fiji upon ratification: Germany (16 March 2017)

Objection to the reservation made by Fiji upon ratification: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (15 March 2017)

Paris Agreement. Paris, 12 December 2015

Ratification: Bosnia and Herzegovina (16 March 2017)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2017* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States
Cabo Verde
His Excellency José Luis Fialho Rocha

Asia-Pacific States
Malaysia
His Excellency M. Shahrul Ikram Yaakob

Eastern European States
Republic of Moldova
His Excellency Vlad Lupan

Latin American and Caribbean States
Guatemala
His Excellency Jorge Skinner-Klée Arenales

Western European and other States
Germany
His Excellency Harald Braun

General Assembly
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Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the *list of speakers* of plenary meetings of the General Assembly are kindly requested to do so through the e-deleGATE portal available at http://delegate.un.int. The e-Speakers link to inscribe for the plenary meetings *is open*. An automated e-mail acknowledgement will be sent within one hour of receipt of request for inscription. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords, kindly contact the DGACM help-desk (help-desk@un.org). For any other inquiries regarding the list of speakers, please contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (Mr. Carlos Galindo (e-mail galindo@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063), with copy to e-mail gaspeakerslist@un.org).

For *PaperSmart Services*, delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

For the submission of a *draft resolution* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3872 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly. The co-sponsorship of all draft resolutions and decisions in the General Assembly plenary now takes place via the General Assembly Plenary e-Sponsorship application in the e-deleGATE portal at http://delegate.un.int. Permanent missions to the United Nations are invited to inform the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail gaplenarye-sponsorship@un.org) of those accredited delegates who should be granted access to General Assembly Plenary e-Sponsorship, using a registration form that was provided to the missions and is available on the General Assembly website (*click here*). Based on the information received, delegates will be issued a username and a password to access the Portal. Paper signature list for co-sponsorship will no longer be accepted. For questions on the submission of a *draft resolution or a draft decision* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3872 (Room S-3044).

The agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/71/251 and A/71/251/Add.1, and the allocation of agenda items for the session is contained in document A/71/252 and A/71/252/Add.1.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/71/100 and the annotated draft agenda of the seventy-first session has been issued as document A/71/100/Add.1.

The following items on the agenda remain open for consideration during the seventy-first session of the General Assembly: agenda items 9 to 15, 19, 19 (h), 20, 28 to 35, 37, 38, 40 to 46, 51, 61, 62, 62 (a) and (b), 65, 65 (a), 66, 68, 68 (b), 69, 69 (a) to (d), 73,

73 (a), 87, 110 to 112, 114, 114 (a), 115, 115 (b) (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), and (l), 116 to 125, 126, 126 (b), (c), (e) to (h), (j), (k), (m), (p), (q), (s), (t) and (z), and 127 to 164.

The schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the resumed part of its seventy-first session will be reflected in the online schedule of meetings, please *click here*.

There is no pre-determined calendar of meetings for the resumed part of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly.

Delegations requesting *issuance of communications* addressed to the Secretary-General as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations.

The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly contained in documents A/71/251 and A/71/251/Add.1.

Requests should include the following language "I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item __". The letter must be sent to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General in the original, with an original signature or stamp.

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